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New TRICARE Prime Enrollees Pay Adjusted Annual Fees

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30, 2011 - Military retirees enrolling in the TRICARE Prime health plan after Oct. 1 will begin paying slightly higher annual fees, Pentagon officials announced yesterday. The fee change for fiscal 2012 means the plan will cost \$260 per year for members and \$520 per year for members and family. The increase amounts to an additional \$2.50 per month for individual members and \$5 per month for members and family, officials said. Active duty service members receive health care with no out-of-pocket costs.

Read more at <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65487>

For more on TRICARE Prime Enrollment Fees: <http://www.tricare.mil/costs>

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The TRICARE Management Activity administers the worldwide health care plan for 9.6 million eligible beneficiaries of the uniformed services, retirees and their families.

The same week TRICARE announced their new TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, the administration proposed a brand new \$200 annual fee for 1) TRICARE for Life (the Medicare supplement for military retirees and their dependents who are older than 65). If adopted, this new enrollment fee would be charged beginning in 2013, and it would gradually increase. According to the White House the proposal would save \$6.7 billion over 10 years.

The White House also proposed a new TRICARE prescription medication co-pay structure. Under the plan retirees would see co-pays rise based a percentage formula tied to government costs. According to a report by Tom

Philpott, generic drugs at retail would be set at 10 per cent of the Defense Department's cost for the medicine and this would climb to 20 per cent after 2013. Co-pays for brand names would start at 15 per cent of cost and be raised to 30 per cent over an as yet unspecified period.

Read more at : <http://militaryadvantage.military.com/2011/10/more-tricare-fee-increases-proposed/#ixzz1ZlpZfbT4>

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